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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

April 18, 2006

In 2000, the Health Care Workforce Development Program (HCWDP) was established as a partnership between the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) and Service Employees International Union-Local 660 to strengthen and stabilize the public health safety net by educating and training DHS employees. This program was created as part of the extension of the Los Angeles County Medicaid Waiver in 2000, which required the State and County to jointly fund the workforce development program at a \$40 million level with non-Waiver funds.

The shortage of health care workers, particularly nurses, and the demand for more highly skilled workers have posed significant challenges to the County's health care system. The HCWDP has focused on an in-house strategy consisting of training and upgrading of current employees. This has created a vital human resource pipeline to address critical shortage areas in nursing as well as allied health professions.

Since 2002, the HCWDP has trained and educated close to 6,000 employees including more than 2,000 nurses. Currently, there are approximately 800 workers in training or awaiting enrollment, including 370 in long-term nursing programs and 238 in allied health professional programs.

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To date, the County has demonstrated its commitment to this vital program by fully funding its \$13.3 million share. The State, however, has only funded \$15.2 million of its \$26.6 million share, leaving an \$11.4 million balance to fund.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board send a five signature letter to Governor Schwarzenegger urging the State of California's continued commitment to the Health Care Workforce Development Program in Los Angeles County, and the State's continued funding at the level of \$5.7 million Fiscal Years 2006-07 and 2007-08.

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From: David E. Janssen  
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**MOTION TO SUPPORT CONTINUED STATE FUNDING FOR THE HEALTH CARE  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ITEM NO. 80-C, AGENDA OF  
APRIL 18, 2006)**

Item No. 80-C on the April 18, 2006 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky recommending that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to Governor Schwarzenegger seeking continued State funding for the Health Care Workforce Development Program (HCWDP).

The HCWDP is a partnership between the Department of Health Services (DHS) and Service Employees International Union Local 660 established in 2000 to train and develop the DHS workforce. Under the terms and conditions of the 2000 Los Angeles Medicaid Waiver extension, the State and the County were required to provide \$40 million for this effort at a 2:1 sharing ratio. The State's obligation is \$26.6 million and the County's obligation is \$13.3 million.

Through this fiscal year, the State has provided \$15.2 million in support of the HCWDP, but it has not provided an assurance of continued funding. The remaining amount of the State's obligation is \$11.4 million. On March 21, 2006, the Board approved a request by DHS to expend \$3.7 million in Tobacco Settlement funds which fulfills the County's remaining obligation.

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DHS recommends support for Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion, and we concur. Support is consistent with the County's participation in the HCWDP as specified by the Medicaid waiver extension.

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